It is unofficial translation. The parties represented by U Aye Thar Aung and the Constituencies are corrected.

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Statement No: 58 (9/98)

1. In the 1990 multi-party elections, the people (from whom authority is derived as is consistent with democratic principles) elected their representatives and the government duly acknowledged their status by official publication.

2. The Peoples Parliament must be convened following the elections as prescribed by Section 3 of the Peoples Parliament Law which categorically states:- "The Parliament must be convened comprising representatives elected in conformity with this law".

3. Eight years have passed but the Peoples Parliament has not been convened. On 25 May 1996, the National League for Democracy, conscious of its duties was obliged to notify the authorities "to set a date for the convening of the first meeting of the Peoples Parliament (Pyithu Hluttaw)". But that was completely ignored.

4. Again on the 23 June 1998, we urged and asked the authorities to fulfill their promises and to act in accordance with the Elections Law by convening the Peoples Parliament on or before the 21st August 1998. Again we have been ignored. (Note- Our Statement 52(9/98) dated 11 September 1998 sets out in detail the promises and undertaking given by the authorities.)

5. Failing to convene the Peoples Parliament amounts to turning a blind eye to the peoples' will. The authorities have broken their promises given to all the people, It is totally unacceptable and unjustifiable.

6. The responsibility to convene a Peoples Parliament now devolves on the National League for Democracy, political parties from the different nationalities, other political parties, independents, and all elected representatives so that the will of the voters and the people can be fulfilled. We can no longer neglect this duty. We therefore announced that we would convene a Peoples Parliament comprising all the elected representatives of the people, This announcement does not contravene any provisions of any law. (Note-See our Statement 50(9/98) dated 10 September 1998.)
7. At the function held by the National League for Democracy on 27 and 28 May 1998 commemorating the 8th anniversary of the 1990 General Elections it was resolved that: -
"This conference authorises its Central Executive Committee to set a date for the convening of the Peoples Assembly and to notify the authorities accordingly".

8. After passing this resolution and after announcing that a Peoples' Parliament would be convened, the authorities have taken action and arrested up to this point a total of (195) NLD parliamentarians-elect, and a total of (607) NLD organising committee members from all levels and other ordinary NLD members. We have received reports that parliamentarians-elect from the nationalities and other political parties have been harassed, intimidated and threatened with arrest and imprisonment to prevent them from attending if the assembly is convened.

9. It is very clear that today's political, economic and social crisis will not be solved by arresting and imprisoning, threatening and harassing the peoples representatives. It is obvious that the authorities are taking measures to prevent the operation of law and the fulfillment of our obligation and duty to the people to convene the Peoples Parliament.

10. Therefore, on behalf of the parliamentarians-elect, a committee comprising the persons given here under has been formed. Out of 485 parliamentarians-elect, 26 have died and 459 remain. This committee has been duly authorised by 250 parliamentarians-elect.

Chairman- U Aung Shwe-MP-elect from No:1 constituency, Mayangone township, Rangoon Division
Secretary- U Than Tun -MP-elect from No:2 constituency, Taungtha township, Mandalay Division
Members
U Aye Thar Aung -Representing the following:-
Shan National League for Democracy
Arakan League for Democracy
Mon National Democracy Front
Zomi National Congress
U TinOo -Deputy Chairman, National League for Democracy
Daw Aung San Suu Kyi -General Secretary, National League for Democracy
U Lwin-MP-elect,- Constituency 1, Thongwa township, Rangoon Division
U Hla Pe -MP-elect from No:1 constituency, Moulmeingyun township, Irrawaddy Division
U Soe Myint -MP-elect from No:1 constituency, South Okkalapa township, Rangoon Division
U Lun Tin -MP-elect from No:1 constituency, Moulmein township, Mon State
U Nyunt Way -MP-elect from No:2 constituency, Taungoo township, Pegu Division
11. The first meeting of this committee was held today and necessary resolutions were made.

Central Executive Committee
National League for Democracy

Rangoon
16 September, 1998